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CHILD EDUCATION

Air Force Support of Military Families Report – Utah is the only state earning a “green” status in both education and reciprocity in both the 2020 and 2021 reports, with spouse licensure reciprocity efforts held out as best practice by the Secretary of the Air Force.

Military Child Education Team – The 2022 Utah legislature approved funding to hire four military child education specialists to support military children in schools around Hill AFB. The team provides full spectrum educational support to children of active duty, guard, and reserve members.

Purple Star School Program – Launched in 2021, this program recognizes schools that demonstrate a high level of support for military families and students. 26 schools enrolled, 29 have applied in 2023.

Early enrollment – Military families can register for charter and public schools as soon as they “receive notification” (not orders) of an assignment to Utah. Enrollment periods are also waived for military families for out-of-area and charter school lotteries.

Virtual School Enrollment – To alleviate disruptions, military children are allowed to attend virtual classes both prior to arriving in Utah and/or after leaving the state for the duration of the semester.

Military Interstate Children's Compact Protections for All – Utah is the only state to afford full education protections to children of guard and reserve members as they transfer locations. Other states only provide full protection when service members are activated under title 10.

HIGHER EDUCATION

State Tuition Assistance / State Tuition Waivers – The state of Utah provided \$3.6M in state tuition assistance and \$1.2M in tuition waivers for members of the Utah National Guard in FY 2023.

In-State Tuition Rates – Armed Forces personnel and their families pay in-state tuition rates. They must provide proof from their commander that they are assigned to a military organization in Utah.

Utah Tuition/GI Bill Gap Program – Provides assistance with tuition, fees and books for service members and Veterans who have exhausted their GI Bill for the last school year at state institutions.

Purple Heart Tuition Waiver – Waives tuition for a Utah resident and Purple Heart recipient admitted to an undergraduate, graduate or vocational program leading to a degree or certificate.

Scott B. Lundell Tuition Waiver for Surviving Dependents – Waives undergraduate tuition at state institutions of higher education for the surviving dependents of a Utah resident military member killed in the line of duty after 9/11/2001.

EMPLOYMENT

Utah Veterans and Military Employment Coalition – A consortium of local, state, federal and private sector entities who collaborate on employment issues and programs for Veterans, military members and dependents.

Spouse Licensure Reciprocity – Allows ease of reciprocity for professional licenses when licensed in another state. Member of multiple professional licensure compacts.

Utah Patriot Partnership Program – A Utah Department of Workforce Services program that coordinates with businesses to pledge to extend priority consideration to veterans, military members and spouses.

Accelerated Credentialing to Employment (ACE) Program – Assists Utah Veterans, military members, and spouses in attaining certificates and licenses, or short-term training opportunities with a \$500 grant.

Employment Preference – Eligible Veterans, active duty, guard/reserve, spouses, or un-remarried widows/widowers are granted employment preference for state and local government jobs.

Private Sector Employment Preference – State law allows private sector entities to offer employment preference to active duty, guard/reserve, veterans, and their families.

Veteran Owned Business Partnership – A consortium of local, state, federal and private sector entities who collaborate on business development programs and services for Veterans, Military Members and dependents.

Veterans Business Resource Center – Provides free resources for military members and spouses to start or grow a business in Utah.

Military Leave – Utah state, county, city or other municipal government employees, who are members of the organized Reserve / National Guard, are allowed full pay for 15 days of military leave per year. This Military leave is in addition to accrued vacation leave with pay.

HOUSING

First Time Home Buyers Grant Program – Provides a \$2,500 grant to all military members buying a home in Utah for the first time.

Housing Priority Program – Partner developers offer programs that offer closing cost grants, appliance purchases and other benefits to military families.

Armed Forces Property Tax Exemption – The State provides a property tax exemption for military members who serve/deploy for over 200 days in a calendar year.

OTHER

UTAH@EASE – Provides pro bono legal assistance and representation to veterans and current service members for: SCRA, Property, Landlord, Creditor / Debtor, Consumer Fraud, USERRA, Predatory Lending, Immigration, Wills, Power of Attorney.